

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a method for improving the metal effects and further processing criteria as well as the flexibility of resin-coated decorative papers. When printing metal effect inks by means of gravure printing, the application of solutions of alkaline metal salts delays hardening of the resin-coated decorative papers, which is an improvement. A sodium aluminate solution ($+NaAlO_2 \times 0.12Na_2O \times 0.3H_2O$) (water or water/extender mixture) is applied in a gravure press with a fond cylinder or another adequate method onto printed or non-printed standard base paper. The sodium aluminate is solved in $> 60^\circ C$ hot demineralised water (or water in general) in order to produce a mixture in the desired concentration. For treating resin coated decorative papers, a solution of sodium aluminate in deionized water is applied, during printing with metal effect inks by gravure printing by a fond or subcoat cylinder. The solution has a pH-value between pH 9 and pH 14.~~